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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Non-Cooperation or Interference of IAC  
Agencies with OSO

1. In accordance with your request of 23 September 1949 for information on the above outlined subject, a survey was made within OSO with the following results.

2. Generally speaking, the cooperation of the Navy, Air Force, JCS, and the Atomic Energy Commission with OSO has been excellent. No useable documented instances exist of non-cooperation or interference on the part of these agencies. The cooperation of the Army and the FBI has been good, although one or two situations have arisen where interference on their part has been demonstrated. The situations, however, have been ameliorated and no present difficulties exist. The Department of State has shown itself to be the least cooperative and the least understanding of OSO functions and jurisdiction. Over a period of years innumerable instances have arisen wherein the Department has demonstrated a complete lack of cooperation as well as active interference. While it is felt that some improvement has been made in OSO relations with the Department of State, certain outstanding problems are still in existence and a great deal remains to be accomplished.

3. Full documentation of the various cases of non-cooperation and interference on the part of the IAC agencies has been collected from OSO files and is being held in my office at your disposal, should you desire to make use of all or part of it. Draft memoranda of specific situations have been prepared by the OSO units concerned. Copies of these memoranda are attached for your more complete information. There follows in summary form an outline of particular cases of non-cooperation which have been noted in OSO:

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